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SUBJECT: UN REQUESTS PAYMENT OF 2007 REGULAR BUDGET

ASSESSMENT

- 11. USUN has faxed to Department (IO/MPR-David Leis, IO/PSC-Charles Casper and EUR-IO/EX/FM-Alice Green) a copy of a note dated December 28, 2006 from the Secretary General requesting payment of the U.S. assessed contribution to the UN regular budget for 2007 in the amount of \$496,481,769. The note also refers to outstanding payments in the amount of \$291,408,623 with respect to the UN regular budget for prior years. Text of the note is as follows:
- 12. Begin Text: The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to regulation 3.3 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, which provides that, after the General Assembly has adopted or revised the programme budget, the Secretary-General shall transmit relevant documents to Member States, inform them of their commitments and request them to remit their contributions.

In compliance with that regulation, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit the document ST/ADM/SER.B/701 and to inform His Excellency that the contribution payable by His Excellency's Government with respect to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2007 is as follows:

U.S.

Contribution to the United Nations regular budget

\$493,166,839

Additional advance to the Working Capital Fund for 2006-2007

3,314,930

Net contribution payable

\$496,481,769

In this connection, the Secretary-General also wishes to bring to the attention of His Excellency that the United Nations records show that as at 28 December 2006 an amount of \$291,408,623 remains payable by his Excellency's Government with respect to the regular budget for prior years.

In view of the continuing frailty of the Organization's financial situation, the United Nations continues to require funds on an urgent basis in order to meet its financial commitments in a timely manner. In this connection, attention is drawn to regulation 3.4 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, which states that contributions are due and payable in full within 30 days of the receipt of the communication of the Secretary-General. It would be highly appreciated if His Excellency's Government could make a special effort to comply with financial regulation 3.4. The Secretary-General also invites His Excellency to indicate the approximate date at which payment could be expected from his Government in order to facilitate the financial planning of the Organization.

Payment in United States dollars may be made by cheque issued

to the order of the "United Nations General Fund Account" or by deposit to the "United Nations General Fund Account" No. 485-001985, JPMorgan Chase Bank, New York, N.Y. U.S.A. End text.

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